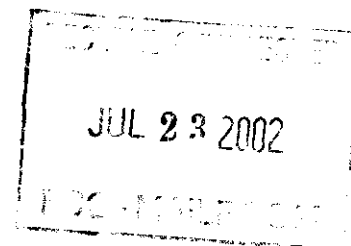




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Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

The Denver Metro Convention and Visitors Bureau is engaged in systematic and ongoing efforts to encourage individual and group tourism and convention business within the State of Colorado. These efforts put us in position to be a major user of telecommunication services.

As Director of Government and Community Affairs for the Bureau, I also observe on a daily basis the importance of our out-of-state visitors and the ability to access high quality telecommunication services. Both the Bureau and our visitors will benefit from more choice, competition and new services in the field of telecommunications. Based on the experience of other states, when new entrants are allowed into the market, choice, competition and new services increase.

It is my understanding that Qwest Corporation, which is currently barred from Colorado's long-distance markets, is applying to re-enter this market. I hope that the FCC will act expeditiously on this application so that Colorado and our visitors can begin to enjoy the fruits of competition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Mitchell".

Bill Mitchell
Director of Government and Community Affairs